GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4260
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FIRE IN CHANDA ORDNANCE FACTORY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge fire broke out at Chanda Ordnance Factory in Bhadravati (Maharashtra) on March 22, 2000;

(b) if so, loss of life and property suffered as a result thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been ordered to go into the causes of fire; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION & SUPPLIES (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a) A fire in one of the buildings of Ordnance FactoryChanda broke out on March 22, 2000 at 1535 hours and was brought under control within an hour.

(b) There has been no loss of life or injury to any individual. There was some damage to the building and materials lying therein. As per preliminary assessment, the loss of property is estimated at Rs. 4.39 lakh.

(c) Yes Sir, a Board of Enquiry has been ordered to investigate the circumstances and cause of fire.

(d) Does not arise.